

The goal of the Mississippi Delta Health Collaborative is to close the gap between what is taught in school and what is practiced in the home in regards to being physically active and consuming a healthy diet.

Delta Alliance for School and Community Health (DASCH)

The Delta Alliance for School and Community Health is comprised of representatives from local parent and teacher organizations associated with schools in the Mississippi Delta and members from the community.

DASCH Initiatives

1. Joint Use of School Facilities
Develop guidelines for and promote joint use facility agreements between the school and community.
2. Parent Health Education
Develop parent education program for parents to promote healthy behavior practices in the home, including physical activity and nutrition.
3. Physical Activity Report Card
Grading system for school physical activity programs based on teacher certification, student participation, lesson plan creation, and enforcement.

Coordinated School Health Program

In partnership with the Mississippi Department of Education, Office of Healthy Schools, the Mississippi Delta Health Collaborative supports implementation of the eight (8) components of the Coordinated School Health Program.

- Health Education
- Physical Education
- Health Services
- Nutrition Services
- Counseling and Psychological Services
- Healthy School Environment
- Health Promotion for Staff
- Family/Community Involvement

Grants are awarded to local schools to support healthy lifestyles in adults. Each school focuses on Capacity Building, Physical Education, Staff Wellness, Family/Community Involvement, and Nutrition Services. Currently the program is being implemented in the following schools:

- Sunflower County School District
- Coahoma County School District
- Hollandale School District
- West Bolivar School District